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NRC to Discuss Performance Assessment For Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold public meetings in San Luis Obispo, Calif., on June 24 to discuss the agency's performance assessment for the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. Diablo Canyon, located near San Luis Obispo, is operated by Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

An open house will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. followed by a meeting between NRC staff and PG&E officials from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites, 333 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo. At the evening meeting, in addition to the performance assessment, the NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on Diablo Canyon-related topics. While the plant performed safely in 2014, it will receive an additional inspection beyond the extensive baseline inspections due to an emergency preparedness finding.

"In addition to discussing our annual assessment of plant performance with PG&E, the open house and extensive question and answer period following the meeting will provide local officials and the public ample opportunity to engage the NRC on our regulatory oversight activities at Diablo Canyon," said Region IV Administrator Marc Dapas.

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess nuclear plant performance. The colors start with green and then increase to white, yellow, or red, commensurate with the safety significance of the issues involved. Performance indicators are statistical measurements of plant and equipment performance. The NRC's action matrix reflects overall plant performance and agency response. There are five columns in the matrix with Column 1 requiring a baseline level of inspections.

Diablo Canyon is in Column 2 because of an emergency preparedness-related white finding and will receive a follow-up inspection in addition to the baseline inspections. Inspections are performed by two NRC Resident Inspectors assigned to the plant and inspection specialists from the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

A letter sent from the NRC Region IV office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2014. It is available on the NRC [website](#).